

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 183

April 11, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (007257, 016469):** Proposes amending Article VI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for judges of the Supreme Court and the intermediate appellate courts. Resolves that this amendment be referred to the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and that this resolution be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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